

**Safety Review Committee
February 15, 2002
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM**

Minutes

Members Present

Joel Ager, John Bowerman, Sharon Doyle, Ben Feinberg (Chair), Mack Kennedy, Donald Lucas, Kathie Hardy (for Ron Madaras), Othon Monteiro, Linfeng Rao, Arthur Ritchie, Linda Smith, Ted Sopher, Scott Taylor, Robin Wendt, Weyland Wong, Linda Wuy

Members Absent

Ed Lampo (Secretary), Steven Lundgren, Augusto Macchiavelli

Guests

Don Bell, John Chernowski, Dennis Collins, Otis Wong

Previous Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM by Ben Feinberg, SRC Chair. The January minutes were approved and accepted as submitted.

Agenda Review

Reviewed and approved with the addition of Robin speaking about the EH&S for Supervisors Course (EH&S 020).

Comments from the Chair

- Looking for areas that the SRC should be involved in this year (in addition to the MESH Reviews). Good suggestions thus far:
 - Safety of Matrixed employees
 - Work Smart Standards (WSS) process
 - Supervisor training
- Will discuss again at next meeting.

Workers Compensation

Dr. Peter Lichty, head of Berkeley Lab's Occupational Health program, delivered a presentation. Good discussions ensued on how the Lab's improved safety record affects the "Worker's Comp" portion of the salary burden. Also discussed if cost might be a better indicator than TRC or LWC. Generally agreed that cost impacts aren't immediate enough and don't always relate well to frequency or severity.

MESH Reviews

Each chair discussed status. All are still in planning stages but should have more progress to discuss at the next meeting. OAA did hand out background data on each division that is subject to a MESH review this year.

Supervisor Training

Discussed value, frequency, and delivery of training course EHS-20. All agreed the course had value and, though discussions varied, EH&S will continue to deliver it. Some consensus developed to use less lecture and more interactive sessions. The course will be offered once per month and one additional time each month if a Division or Department requests a session tailored to their hazards. Also discussed was how we should structure training for those who aren't formal supervisors (such as senior GS/RAs) but who take on a significant safety role because the formal supervisor (faculty or PI) doesn't work on-site or otherwise often isn't present in the workplace. To be discussed more at the next SRC meeting.

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It is current as of today; including the addition of Augusto Miachivelli from NSD.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin A. Wendt